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SUBJECT: MR-2 DAILY SITREP JUNE 8

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM NHA TRANG JUNE 8
REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE NHA TRANG 0592

1. SECURITY SITUATION: FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE DAY MR 2
INCIDENT TOTAL IS ABOUT TWICE THE USUAL LEVEL, WITH 19 INCIDENTS
REPORTED IN PAST 24- HOUR PERIOD. INCIDENTS WERE SCATTERED:
FIVE IN KONTUM, FIVE IN BINH THUAN, FOUR IN PHU YEN, FOUR IN
BINH DINH, AND ONE IN DARLAC; CONSISTING OF NINE VC HARASSMENTS
BY FIRE, SIX VC GROUND ATTACKS ON RVNAF UNITS, TWO VC MININGS,
ONE FIREFIGHT BETWEEN VC AND RVNAF UNIT ON PATROL, AND ONE
RVNAF DESTRUCTION OF VC ARMS CACHE. CASUALTIES WERE FAIRLY
LIGHT (ESPECIALLY ON RVNAF SIDE, CONSIDERING THAT ALL BUT TWO
OF 19 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTEDLY VC- INITIATED). VC: 19 KIA, ONE
CAPTURED; RVNAF: ONE KIA, TEN WIA.

2. ALL FIVE KONTUM INCIDENTS WERE ENEMY ATTACKS BY
FIRE (RANGING FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE TO 130 MM ARTILLERY) ON
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FIVE RVNAF OUTPOSTS ABOUT 5 TO 10 KMS FROM KONTUM TO THE NORTHWEST, WEST, AND SOUTHWEST. ONLY CASUALTY WAS ONE ARVN WIA, ACCORDING TO MR 2 HQ IN NHA TRANG.

3. COMMENT: THE REMARKABLY FAVORABLE CASUALTY RATIO SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE INCIDENTS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE VC WERE INITIATED BY THE RVNAF. END COMMENT.

4. FALSE BOMB- SCARE TO ENCOURAGE ALERTNESS: BINH THUAN PROVINCE CHIEF TOLD STAFF A VC EXPLOSIVE CHARGE HAD BEEN FOUND OUTSIDE A SECTOR OFFICE AND NEUTRALIZED BEFORE IT COULD GO OFF. FURTHER CHECK BY POLOFF REVEALED PROV CHIEF INVENTED STORY TO ENCOURAGE ALERTNESS, ALTHOUGH EVIDENCE OF THE DANGER HE FEARS IS NOT YET CLEAR.

5. VC PROVIDES HEALTH SERVICES: POLOFF IN BINH THUAN REPORTS THAT ON MAY 31 THE VC COLLECTED A NUMBER OF VILLAGERS FROM HEIP HOA AND HIEP THANH HAMLETS AT BN 255395 FOR A LECTURE. AT LEAST SOME OF THE VILLAGERS WERE REQUIRED BY VC TO TAKE SHOTS DESCRIBED AS CHOLERA SHOTS ADMINISTERED BY TWO WOMEN MEDICAL TECHNICIANS. POLOFF BELIEVES THAT THIS RARE INSTANCE OF DOCUMENTED VC EFFORT TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES MAY HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY POST- CEASEFIRE GVN RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM. SIGNED TEARE UNQUOTE
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